

Dreams Do Come True: Higher Education for Unaccompanied Homeless Youths

Unaccompanied homeless students are most often high school students that have left home or have been separated from family. Many have suffered a long history of abuse and trauma. Despite all they have been through, these students are resilient and dream of a better life. For many unaccompanied homeless youths (UHY), obtaining a college degree is at the center of their dream of escaping poverty. Two federal laws make higher education a reality for UHY. The College Cost Reduction and Access Act and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act include provisions that allow access to education for UHY. Unaccompanied homeless youths need support and guidance in their pursuit of higher education. During this session, participants will learn how to guide students in their college choices, in completing the FAFSA and in applying for scholarships and fee waivers for the ACT, SAT, AP exam and college applications. If you work with current or future high school students, this session is for you.